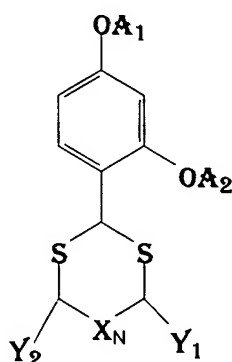


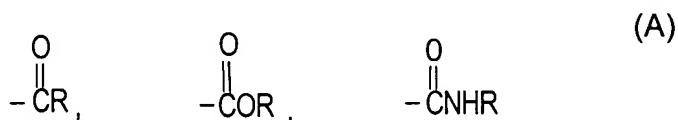
ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Compounds of formula I, process for making same, and cosmetic compositions and methods of skin lightening using compounds of formula I as skin lightening agents:

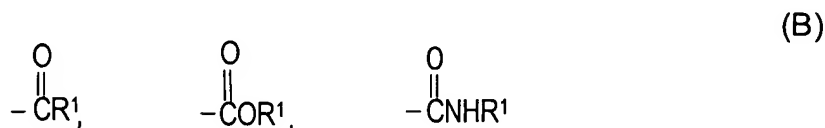
(I)



Where each A₁ and/or A₂ independently is = H or COR, CO₂R, CONHR, the latter three having the following formula A:



where R= C₁-C₁₈ saturated or unsaturated, linear or branched, hydrocarbon; and each Y₁ and/or Y₂ independently is H; C₁-C₁₈ saturated or unsaturated hydrocarbon; or OZ, where Z = H or COR¹, CO₂R¹, CONHR¹ of formula B:



and where R¹= C₁-C₁₈ saturated or unsaturated, linear or branched, hydrocarbon;

X is Carbon, Nitrogen, Sulfur, or Oxygen; and N is in integer between 0 and 2.